



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration/500 West Temple Street, Room B-50/Los Angeles, California 90012 / (213) 974-1431

MINUTES OF THE 702nd MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 702nd meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on June 11, 2009, in Room 140 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul A. Jacobs, Chair
Clifton Albright
Nelson L. Atkins
Andrew Friedman
Neal S. Millard
Sylvia Scott-Hayes
David C. Voss, Jr.
Dennis P. Zine

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ann Jackson, Vice Chair
Gary L. Barr
Bertrum CeDillos
William J. Galloway
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, LA City Attorney's Office
Captain Samuel Dacus, LA County Sheriff's Department
Beatriz Dieringer, District Attorney's Office
Ramon Quintana, Public Defender's Office

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Karen Blank, Superior Court
James Endman, Superior Court
Margaret Little, Ph.D., Court Representative

GUESTS

Laraine Mestman, WISE & Healthy Aging
Cliff Ruff, Los Angeles Council, District No. 3

STAFF

Janice Davis, Commission Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacobs called the 702nd regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:40 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Sylvia Scott-Hayes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2009

On motion of Commissioner Millard, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of May 14, 2009, were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Update on the Safe Child Custody Exchange Program (SCCEP)

Ex Officio Member, Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office, gave the following update:

Funding for two SCCEP facilities (Friends of the Family and Grace Resource Center) was to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in June; however, at the present time a Board meeting date is undetermined. There have been funding problems due to the defeat of budget-related resolutions at the last elections. Ms. Dieringer spoke with Steve Baker of the Antelope Valley facility who discussed the SCCEP with Lancaster and Palmdale Sheriff's representatives. Susan Kaplan of Friends of the Family (FOF) is awaiting funding approval before she contacts Van Nuys and Foothill LAPD representatives about the proposed San Fernando Valley facility.

Ms. Dieringer also reported that funding for these two SCCEP facilities will be provided from Los Angeles County's pro-rata share of monies collected pursuant to state law, which requires that \$4 of the \$17 birth certificate fee received by the Register-Recorder/County Clerk be used for child welfare purposes. Commissioner Zine requested that a representative from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office report at the next Commission meeting on monies collected from birth certificates that are allocated to counties to address children's needs. Commissioner Voss added that a report would aid in identifying the pro-rata share, i.e. how much is leaving the County and how much is coming back.

Diversity on the Bench Initiative

Ex Officio Aubry reported that Commissioner Huang, who was not present, is awaiting a response from the State Bar regarding the Bench Initiative. This item will be continued to the next meeting scheduled for July 9, 2009, for discussion.

Public Guardian Program

Laraine Mestman, Director, Elder Abuse Prevention, WISE & Healthy Aging, gave a report on the work her volunteer-based program performs in conjunction with the Los Angeles Superior Court in aiding isolated elders. After volunteers are fingerprinted and given medical tests, they are assigned conservators to monitor and assist. Many conservators are poor and require supplies ranging from slippers to art supplies. Many receive fast food (upon approval) because their facility food is inedible to them.

In response to Commissioner Voss, supplies are provided on a “case by case” basis because there are no means of storage available for excess donations to her program.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010 TERM

Chair Jacobs opened nominations from the floor for the Offices of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2009-2010 term. Commissioner Friedman nominated Commissioner Zine to serve as Chair. Commissioner Millard nominated Ex Officio Aubry to serve as Vice-Chair. There being no further nominations, nominations from the floor were closed, and Chair Jacobs declared the above nominations elected by acclamation.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

Chair Zine requested that child care for jurors’ children be an item for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Commissioner Millard, seconded by Vice Chair Aubry, and unanimously carried, the 702nd meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 1:18 p.m.